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SUBJECT: VISIT TO ZAMBIA OF YUGOSLAV INTERIOR MINISTER

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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED.

YUGOSLAV INTERIOR MINISTER HERLJEVIC VISITED ZAMBIA
JANUARY 8 - 15. PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF VISIT SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN
TO REVIEW WITH ZAMBIA HOME AFFAIRS MINISTER MILNER PROGRESS
UNDER YUGOSLAV TRAINING PROGRAM FOR ZAMBIA POLICE IN
FIELDS OF TRAFFIC AND CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION. TWO MINISTERS
SIGNED PROTOCOL DOCUMENT COVERING THIS TRAINING ON JANUARY 14.
MINISTER HERLJEVIC ALSO WITNESSED DEMONSTRATION BY PARAMILITARY

MOBILE POLICE UNIT AND, ACCORDING PRESS, OFFERED YUGOSLAV AID
IN EQUIPPING AND TRAINING THIS UNIT AS WELL.

2. HERLJEVIC VISIT AND MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT KAUNDA, PARTY
SECGEN GREY ZULU, AND PRIMIN MUDENDA OFFERED NUMEROUS OPPORTUN-
ITIES FOR BOTH SIDES TO REAFFIRM THEIR DESIRE FOR CLOSE BILATERAL
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COOPERATION IN ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL FIELDS AND TO CITE THIS AS

MODEL OF NON-ALIGNED COOPERATION FOR OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES IN FACE OF ATTEMPTS BY "SUPERPOWERS TRYING TO RECOLONIZE AFRICA" (MUDENDA'S WORDS). PARTY-OWNED TIMES OF ZAMBIA USED OCCASION TO PRAISE PAST YUGOSLAV HELP BUT ALSO TO URGE YUGOSLAVS EXPLORE NEW AREAS FOR TECHNICAL COOPERATION, E.G., IN SETTING UP PLANT TO TURN OUT BASIC AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS "AT PEASANT PRICES."

3. OVERLAPPING WITH HERLJEVIC VISIT WAS ONE BY PROF. DUSAN BILANDZIC, DESCRIBED AS DEAN OF POLITICAL SCIENCE FACULTY AT BELGRADE UNIVERSITY AND MEMBER OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF CROAT COMMUNIST PARTY. BILANDZIC WAS INVITED TO LECTURE ZAMBIAN PARTY, MUNICIPAL, AND PARASTATAL OFFICIALS ON POLITICAL ISSUES, INCLUDING YUGOSLAV EXPERIENCE WITH WORKERS PARTICIPATION IN INDUSTRIAL MANAGEMENT. END UNCLASSIFIED.

4. IN CONVERSATION WITH FONMIN BANDA ON JANUARY 25, WE ASKED IF ZAMBIANS HAD QUESTIONED YUGOSLAVS ABOUT THEIR POLICY ON ANGOLA. BANDA SAID YUGOSLAVS HAD TRIED EXPLAIN AWAY THEIR RECOGNITION OF MPLA AS MOVE TO TRY COUNTER-BALANCE SOVIET AND CUBAN INFLUENCE THERE. BANDA INDICATED HE HAD FOUND THIS EXPLANATION CONTRIVED AND NOT VERY CONVINCING. HAD ZAMBIANS, WE ASKED, THEN ASKED YUGOSLAVS WHY THEY GAVE SOVIET AIRCRAFT ENROUTE TO ANGOLA OVERFLIGHT AND LANDING CLEARANCES. BANDA'S SMILE SUGGESTED ZAMBIANS HAD NOT.

5. COMMENT: IF HERLJEVIC DID SEEK DURING HIS VISIT TO TRY PERSUADE ZAMBIANS OF RIGHTNESS OF YUGOSLAV ACTIONS ON ANGOLA, IT PROBABLE THAT HE AND HIS HOSTS ENDED BY POLITELY AGREEING TO DISAGREE. WILKOWSKI

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